### **Kentucky Permanency Roundtables**

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE SIX PHASES**

#### I. Welcome and Overview (5 minutes)

- Facilitator welcomes team
- Facilitator sets the tone for the consultation as a strengthbased, solution-focused process
- Team members introduce themselves
- Facilitator reviews purpose (focus on doing what it takes to achieve permanency) and process
- Facilitator develop operating agreements with the group



## II. Present the Case (20 minutes)

- Case Worker presents case summary
- Facilitator invites additional comments on the case from other case-related team members
- Supervisor and Administrator may provide additional information
- Former Case Worker may provide information if the case has recently changed hands
- Team members listen and take notes



## III. Clarify and Explore (20 minutes)

- Team members ask questions to clarify and expand upon information presented
- Team members ask questions to explore other aspects of the case
- Facilitator may have to curb the team's natural tendencies to jump to solutions at this point
- Facilitator may have to remind and/or assist team members to phrase questions in appreciative manner
- Team rates child's current permanency status



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## IV. Brainstorm (30 minutes)

- Team brainstorms solutions using these five key questions:
  - What will it take to achieve permanency?
  - 2. What can we try that has been tried before?
  - 3. What can we try that has never been tried?
  - 4. How many things can we do concurrently?
  - 5. How can we engage the youth in planning for permanence?
- Facilitator asks the questions, records ideas on an easel pad, and helps the team stay focused



## V. Create Permanency Action Plan (35 minutes)

- Facilitator assists team to review and combine strategies developed during brainstorming phase
- Facilitator guides team in prioritizing strategies
- Facilitator leads a discussion of the strengths of each prioritized strategy
- Team finalizes strategies and timelines
- Team determines whether a concurrent plan is needed and if so, what that plan is
- Facilitator leads a discussion of what it will take to successfully implement each strategy in the plan(s)
- Facilitator assists team in creating specific, concrete action steps to include in the written action plan
- Team members assign target dates to each action step and discuss potential barriers to implementing it
- The team then develops plans to overcome each identified potential barrier



# VI. Debrief Case Consultation (10 minutes)

- Facilitator leads a debrief using these questions:
  - How can the worker best explain the action plan to families & youth?
  - Are there any unanswered questions or concerns? If so, how should we address them?
  - What did we learn in this discussion that could be applied to other cases?

